



DE BORTOLI WINES

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BEST TOURISM WINERY - YARRA VALLEY 2008 VICTORIAN TOURISM AWARDS

De Bortoli Wines Yarra Valley has taken out the Best Tourism Winery Award at the Melbourne Airport 2008 Victorian Tourism Awards. More than 120 businesses and individuals from across the State vied for top honours at the prestigious awards held on 17 November.

"It is a great endorsement of all the effort and hard work of our team in the Yarra," Leanne De Bortoli said.

"This year we have had chef Tim Keenan and his partner, pastry chef Alison Thompson, take over the kitchen which has led to a new, fresh menu and wine list and a total revamp of the restaurant decor. We have also continued with an outstanding list of regular events including the 'On The Vine Cooking Classes' and 'De Bortoli Wine Adventure' all backed by the second-to-none service in our cellar door".

As a Victorian Tourism Awards-winner, De Bortoli Wines will go on to represent Victoria at the 2008 Qantas Australian Tourism Awards to be held in Melbourne on 27 February 2009.

The Minister for Tourism and Major Events Tim Holding congratulated the team from De Bortoli Wines on their achievement.

"The Awards recognise tourism businesses striving for excellence and De Bortoli's was judged best in their field," Mr Holding said.

"The Awards reinforce the enormous value of tourism to the community, highlight the great experiences on offer across Victoria and recognise the hard work of tourism operators who go that extra step to provide their guests with a quality experience."

At the Presentation and Gala Ceremony winners were announced in 28 categories ranging from all levels of accommodation to tourism retailing, education and training and marketing. Three additional awards honoured individual contributions to the industry.

More information and contact details for winners is available at victoriantourismawards.com.au.

Images are available to media at visionsofvictoria.com.au – choose Mini Collections and Tourism Awards - Melbourne Airport 2008 Victorian Tourism Awards.

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